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TOO ABSURD TO BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY.

If the members of the city council would devote their attention to a movement looking toward the inauguration of a radical change in our system of municipal government, instead of undertaking to have the city charter amended so that they may pay themselves salaries, they would come nearer serving the best interests of Newport News. The present members of the common council—who passed a resolution Tuesday night setting forth that it is the sense of that body that councilmen should receive pay for their services and calling upon the representatives in the legislature to seek an amendment to the charter with this end in view—were elected to their seats by the people to serve without pay. All of them knew there was no salary attached to the office of councilman, and all, or at least, most of them, eagerly sought the privilege of serving the city without hope of monetary reward. Therefore no member has a right to complain because he is not paid for what work he is called upon to do in his official capacity. If any member sought a seat, or allowed it to be thrust upon him, but his constituents without knowing or appreciating the nature of the duties he was assuming, he has the privilege of tendering his resignation. And unless there has been an extraordinary change in condition since the last time a seat was vacant, there will be a plenty of citizens willing and anxious to fill his place.

Newport News and other cities of Virginia are sadly in need of a change in their municipal government methods, but the payment of salaries, nominal or otherwise, to our too numerous councilmen would not be a step toward the necessary and desired reforms. Salaries officials should conduct the affairs of the city, but they should be men selected with especial regard to their fitness for the task, and there should not be twenty-four of them. Under the present system it was never contemplated that the councilmen should receive salaries. The average member devotes very little time to the city's business, and the important committee-men are the only ones who have duties that are at all burdensome. And no doubt the very men who give their time and talents most liberally to the public would be the last to ask for pay, or to admit that any salary that the city could afford to pay councilmen under the present system would be a decent compensation for the duties they perform.

The salary proposition is absurd, too absurd in fact to be taken seriously. Even if our representatives in the legislature should carry out the wishes of the common council and bring the project before the legislature—as they will not do, unless this paper is very much mistaken in its estimate of Messrs. Holt and Stearnes—the house and senate would give the subject scant, if any, consideration.

CASE OF JUDGE WILLIAMS.

It is stated that in the event the governor of West Virginia applies to Governor Seaton for the arrest and delivery of Judge Samuel W. Williams, attorney general-elect of Virginia, who is under indictment for assault in McDowell county, W. Va., the Virginia governor will be com-

pelled to honor the application because of the interstate requisition agreement of 1887.

There seems to be no good reason why the governor should seek an excuse for denying the requisition if it is made. No one has contended that Judge Williams did not lay out with and inkstand one Judge Saunders, the opposing counsel, in the midst of an argument before the McDowell county court. It is said that Judge Williams had been called a liar before he threw the inkstand, but neither this nor the fact that he has just been elected attorney general of Virginia is a legitimate reason why he should not stand trial for the assault. "Liar" is generally regarded as the first lie in Virginia, but it is necessary to prove that the first lie was "struck."

The reports that because of the sentiment in McDowell county it would be impossible for the Virginian to get a fair trial hardly will cause Judge Williams much apprehension. There is a court of appeals in West Virginia, and if McDowell county does not give a fair trial the verdict can be set aside.

It is to be hoped that after the question has been fully investigated, the council will see its way clear to adopt the ordinance which has been asked for by the Merchants' Association, imposing a prohibitory license upon itinerant merchants. Nineteenth, if not all, of the people who would be kept out of the city by such an ordinance are fakery and undesirable. By sensational advertising they unload a lot of stuff on the people, cheating the buying public and injuring the business of the dealers who make their homes here and assist in maintaining the community and city government.

PRESIDENT STIRS UP ENTHUSIASM

(Continued from First Page.)

ment, in favor of the St. Louis to St. Paul improvement, in favor of the Cairo to St. Louis improvement, in favor of the Ohio improvement, all of which have been approved by the army engineers and get them recorded in the statutes of this country as declaring that those things are to be carried out and let them make first appropriation from the revenues of the country and then you have them where they must issue bonds, unless the revenues afford a sufficient amount each year to carry that project on economically and with due rapidity."

Count Von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, spoke of the waterways of the German empire. President Ransdell read his annual report.

Among those who spoke at the afternoon session were P. W. Crandall, of the Travelers Protective Association of the United States; Senator Chamberlain, of Oregon; Albert Bettinger, of Ohio; Governor Hadley, of Missouri; Governor Weeks, of Connecticut; and Representative John Dalzell, of Pennsylvania.

All the speakers thought that waterway improvement should be provided by congress without delay, bond issues being the favorite method advocated by nearly every one. Representative Burgess, however, threw something of a chill over the assembly by declaring that he did not think the time had come to issue bonds for this purpose, and reminded the delegates that while they were enthusiastic in viewing a bond issue, they should remember that there were others in the United States who did not agree with that opinion.

Woman's Auxiliary at Work.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 8.—Pansy beds and tall, graceful Lombardy poplars will line the banks of the navigable streams of the future if the Woman's Auxiliary of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress, now in session here, can bring it about. The Woman's National Congress held a five-hour session today.

The delegates will meet again tomorrow to map out plans for making banks of rivers take on the grace of carefully kept gardens and for the formation of the unsightly sides of canals into spots of elysium.

The work of the women is being done in conjunction with that of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress. They believe that while the men are better able to understand and logically set forth the necessity for waterway improvements, the women are far more capable of caring for the less utilitarian aspects of the work.

The meeting of the executive board of the woman's congress today was not altogether harmonious. While the congress has been partially supported through a donation made by the men.

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Keeps you in mind, keeps him in comfort—it's here in a hundred or more forms, beginning with the Hat and extending through all the want of man down to his shoes.

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this donation, it was announced was to be withdrawn. Such a withdrawal means that more of the pin money of the delegates will have to be turned over to the "cause" if it is to be maintained.

Another point over which the women became highly agitated was a proposition that in view of the withdrawal of support, the congress merge its identity in that of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress and accept a committee ship.

"Never will we surrender," exclaimed a half dozen women delegates speaking all at once.

As a result the evil moment was passed and the woman's congress survives to plant shrubs and trees and lay out flower beds by the sides of streams in which more men are grubbing for gangs and logs and other impediments to navigation.

Campaign of Education.
In addition, the woman's congress is preparing to carry on a campaign of education in the public schools.

Delegates were present from thirty-two states.

Mrs. Hoyle Tompkins, of Shreveport, La., is president, while Mrs. Charles W. Fairbanks, wife of the former vice-president of the United States, is one of the vice-presidents.

LAWYER KILLS GEORGIA TOWN MARSHAL IN DUEL

Attacked as Home Breaker, Attorney Uses His Pistol With Fatal Effect.

(By Associated Press.)
BYRON, GA., Dec. 8.—C. E. Bateman, town marshal, was today fatally injured by A. T. Harper, a lawyer, in a duel with pistols on the principal street of the town.

Bateman charged that Harper had destroyed the happiness of his home and attacked the latter with a heavy walking cane. Harper pulled his pistol and fired five shots which took effect. Bateman drew his pistol as he fell and fired upon Harper, but Harper was not injured.

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EARLY'S CASE GIVES WASHINGTON TROUBLE

Hearing Postponed Until To day After Argument on Technical Points.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 8.—Puzzling as ever is the problem confronting the authorities relative to the case of John R. Early, the alleged leper, now detained here on the charge of going about in public while afflicted with a contagious disease and the complications in this now famous case continue to multiply.

When the case again was called for trial in police court today Early's counsel moved for the prisoner's discharge, the argument being based on constitutional grounds. This motion was overruled. Early's counsel then announced that the alleged leper would not consent to a trial by this court unless Early be permitted to appear and take the witness stand himself. Following this declaration the district counsel moved the indefinite postponement of the case, which practically would mean a life imprisonment for Early. The defendant's counsel, after declaring his amazement at the motion, asked postponement until tomorrow in order that he might consider the matter.

Postponement was granted but the presiding judge made it clear that he would not permit Early to appear in court until it had been proven that he did not have leprosy.

Following this a compromise was suggested to the effect that Early go to New York and subject himself to examination by a specialist, but no agreement was reached with respect to this.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 8.—For the purpose of impressing upon the 439 census supervisors President Taft's desire for a non-political, accurate and economical census, Director Durand has arranged for a series of conferences with them.

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We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.
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6-room house, county street, \$800. Lot on Academy street, Hampton, bus, \$10.00. Facing on three streets, 6-room house, Hampton, \$12.00.
For Sale, 2 acres La Salle Avenue, \$1250, easy terms. Lots, East Hampton, 40 feet front, \$50 to \$500, \$100 per week.

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James W. McCarrick, General Southern Agent.

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Trains arrive Newport News 10:00 a. m., 10:30 a. m., 5:30 p. m. and 7:20 p. m.
Steamer Service for Norfolk.
Leave Newport News 10:35 a. m., and 5:35 p. m., daily.

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Steamers Randolf and Berkeley leave Pier "A" 8:30 every evening, passengers only. Stop at Clarendon Wharf to land passengers and on signal to receive them.

VIRGINIA NAVIGATION COMPANY. James River Day Line for Richmond and all James River landings. Steamer Pocahontas leaves Newport News Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 8:45 a. m. Leave Newport News Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 5 p. m., for Norfolk and Old Point.

Steamer Smithfield will leave Pier "A" daily except Sunday at 9:00 a. m., going to Norfolk, and at 4:30 p. m., going to Smithfield. Steamer Ocracoke will leave Pier "A" daily except Sunday at 9 a. m., going to Smithfield and 3 p. m., going to Norfolk.

All business between New York and Newport News transacted at Pier No. 6.

All business between Newport News, Norfolk, Smithfield and local points transacted at Pier "A" foot of Twenty-fifth street.

W. H. LANDON, Agent.

Schedule

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"SEWALLS POINT ROUTE"

IN EFFECT MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th, 1909.

Subject to change without notice:

Leave Norfolk
7:15 a. m., 8:30, 9:45, 12:15 p. m., 1:30, 2:45, 4:00, 5:15, 6:30 p. m. Sundays only 9:45 p. m.

Leave Newport News
6:00 a. m., 8:05, 9:20, 11:50, 1:05 p. m., 2:20, 3:25, 4:50, 6:05 p. m. Sundays only 9:20 p. m.

The Norfolk & Washington Steamboat Co.

(Schedule Effective Nov. 1, 1908.)
The New and Powerful Iron Palace Steamers NEWPORT NEWS, WASHINGTON and NORFOLK will leave daily as follows.

Northbound.
Lv. Portsmouth 5:00 p. m.
Lv. Norfolk 6:00 p. m.
Lv. Old Point 7:00 p. m.
Lv. Washington 7:00 p. m.

Southbound.
Lv. Wash. B. & O. Ry. 9:00 a. m.
Ar. Phil. B. & O. Ry. 11:50 a. m.
Ar. N. Y. R. & O. Ry. 2:10 p. m.

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